

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC§102 as being anticipated by LaCroix '649.

Claims 3-8 were allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled herein.

Allowed Claims 3-8 remain pending in the application following entry of this Amendment B.

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter, namely claims 3-8.

Summary of the Invention

A hand-held laser pointer is disclosed that comprises a laser module, the beam of which is isolated from unwanted hand tremor motions of the laser pointer housing. A passive inertial stabilizer is utilized for stabilizing the laser module and the laser beam emanating therefrom and to suppress laser dot jitter associated with hand tremor. A collimated laser diode module is mounted on a stage that is suspended by a low-friction gimbal that pivots with respect to the housing of the pointer on two intersecting and mutually perpendicular axes. The inertial stage is coupled to the housing via a spring and damper. The damper is preferably a magnetic coupling between the laser module and the housing.

The Rejection Under 35USC§102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35USC§102 as being anticipated by LaCroix '649.
Claims 1 and 2 are canceled by this Amendment B.

Entry of this amendment, reconsideration, favorable action and early allowance and publication of this application are respectfully requested. If there are any minor matters remaining, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned by phone so that possible minor changes may be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully,



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